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1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS WORKING DRAFT
REMARKS FOR SELECTED OCCASIONS DURING SECRETARY BLUMEN-
THAL'S VISIT TO BERLIN. END SUMMARY.

2. THE MISSION ENCLOSES WORKING DRAFT REMARKS FOR
SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S ARRIVAL, GOLDEN BOOK CEREMONY
AND TOAST FOR THE GOVERNING MAYOR'S DINNER. THE DRAFT
COMMENTS ARE CAST IN A GENERAL VEIN AND ADDRESS THE
CONTINUING CONCERN OF BERLIN CITIZENS AND OFFICIALS THAT
THE ALLIED POWERS AND THE UNITED STATES, PARTICULARLY,
REMAIN STEADFAST IN THEIR POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY.

3. THE SENAT HAS MADE CLEAR THAT IT HOPES TO USE THE
VISIT TO DISCUSS UNITED STATES TAX LEGISLATION INsofar
AS IT MAY DETRACT FROM THE BERLIN PREFERENCES AND HENCE
ACT AS A DETERENT TO AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN BERLIN.
THE SENAT MAY ALSO WISH TO RAISE UNITED STATES TAXATION

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POLICY AFFECTING COSTS OF PARTICIPATION IN INTER-
NATIONAL CONFERENCES WITH AN EYE TO THE INTERESTS OF
THE HUGE BERLIN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER THAT
IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN SPRING 79 (USBERLIN A-80,
27 MAY 1977).

4. AS THE ABOVE ISSUES IN ANY CASE PRESENT SPECIAL

PROBLEMS FOR AMERICAN INTERESTS WHICH WILL REQUIRE REVIEW FROM BONN AND WASHINGTON PERSPECTIVES, SPECIFIC COMMENT IS NOT SUGGESTED IN FOLLOWING WORKING DRAFTS. DOCUMENTS SO FAR RECEIVED FROM THE BERLIN SIDE ON TAX ISSUE (USBERLIN A-126 9 SEPT 77) MAY CONTAIN TECHNICAL FLAWS IN THEIR CALCULATIONS WHICH DETRACT FROM THE ARGUMENT THEY SEEK TO MAKE. APPROPRIATE BERLIN OFFICES ARE REVIEWING THEIR PAPERS ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT: BEGIN QUOTE -- THANK YOU MR. GOVERNING MAYOR FOR YOUR WARM WORDS OF WELCOME. FOR A GENERATION, RANKING OFFICIALS OF SUCCESSIVE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE VISITED BERLIN TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES PERSONALLY WITH THIS CITY AND WITH ITS VIBRANT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LIFE. FOR ME IT IS A REACQUAINTANCE WHICH I GLADLY DEEPEN. BEYOND THAT, HOWEVER SUCH VISITS HAVE UNDERSCORED A BASIC CONTINUITY IN UNITED STATES POLICY -- CONTINUED CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING AND FUTURE OF BERLIN.

6. IN ASSESSING THE FUTURE OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHETHER THEY ARE CONSTITUTED AS A NATION, A STATE OR AS A MUNICIPALITY, THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS BEYOND THE ACCIDENTS OF GEOGRAPHY AND THE PERVERSITIES OF HISTORY ARE THE WILL AND THE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE WHO WILL SHAPE THAT FUTURE.
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7. THE YEARS OF TRIAL WHICH BERLIN FACED WITH COURAGE AND DETERMINATION TOLD THE WORLD MUCH OF THE QUALITY OF BERLINERS. WHILE THE NATURE OF BERLIN'S PROBLEMS HAS INEVITABLY CHANGED WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT AND THE TRANSIT AGREEMENTS, THE PRESENT AND LATENT ELEMENT OF CHALLENGE REMAINS.

8. IN FACING THE FUTURE THE CITIZENS OF BERLIN WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE FIRM SUPPORT OF THE WESTERN ALLIES. THE FREE EXISTENCE OF THIS PROUD AND DEMOCRATIC CITY HAS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE GENERAL POSTWAR BALANCE IN EUROPE, AND WE ARE CONVINCED IT REMAINS FUNDAMENTAL TO A POSITIVE EVOLUTION IN WORLD AFFAIRS.

9. OUR COMMON INTERESTS REMAIN AS CLEAR AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST. WE WILL STAND SIDE BY SIDE WITH OUR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS IN BERLIN JOINTLY TO PROTECT THIS CITY WHICH IS A VERY SPECIAL LIGHT AND SYMBOL FOR ALL WHO CHERISH THE VALUES OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.
END QUOTE.

10. DRAFT REMARKS FOR GOLDEN BOOK CEREMONIES;
BEGIN QUOTE: TRADITIONALLY, GOLDEN BOOK CEREMONIES
ARE AN OCCASION NOT ONLY TO EXCHANGE WORDS OF FRIEND-
SHIP, BUT ALSO TO MAKE CLEAR TO ALL THAT THE FUTURE OF
BERLIN AND ITS CITIZENS IS A CRITICAL PRIORITY IN THE
STRATEGIC CONVICTIONS OF THE WESTERN POWERS.

11. ON THE BROADER LEVEL, WE ARE AWARE THAT IN THE
YEARS FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT AND THE TRANSIT TRAFFIC
AGREEMENTS, THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT PRACTICAL
IMPROVEMENTS INTRODUCED INTO THE LIFE OF THIS CITY.
CLEARLY, THESE AGREEMENTS HAVE HELPED REDUCE TENSIONS
IN AND AROUND BERLIN. IN PART THESE POSITIVE CHANGES
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REFLECT THE SLOW, UNEVEN, BUT ON THE WHOLE FAVORABLE
EVOLUTION OF THE EAST-WEST RELATIONSHIP.

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12. ALL MEN OF POSITIVE SPIRIT HAVE WELCOMED THESE
TRENDS. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT IN HUMAN
AFFAIRS, CONTINUOUS PROGRESS, HOWEVER ATTRACTIVE AS
AN IDEAL OBJECTIVE, CANNOT SIMPLY BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED
IN POLICY FORMULATION. NOW, AND IN THE FUTURE, WE MUST REMAIN
AS VIGILANT AND FIRMLY COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING THE FREEDOM AND

SECURITY OF THIS CITY AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST.

13. IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT THERE IS A SPECIAL
TIE BETWEEN BERLIN AND THE UNITED STATES. IN HIS
EPIC INTERPRETATIVE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, THE
AMERICAN POET STEVEN VINCENT BENET, FOUND HIS CENTRAL
THEME IN FREEDOM. IN THE POET'S EYES AMERICAN HISTORY
WAS A LONG ENGAGEMENT FOR THE ENLARGEMENT OF HUMAN
FREEDOM. WHILE THE PUBLIC ADVOCACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS HAS SOMETIMES BEEN MUTED BY
PRESSING PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE CONVICTIONS AND
PRINCIPLES FROM WHICH SUCH ADVOCACY SPRINGS ARE DEEPLY
ROOTED IN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE. PRESIDENT CARTER'S
ELEVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE FOREFRONT OF
INTERNATIONAL DISCOURSE HAS THEREFORE STRUCK A VERY
RESPONSIVE CHORD IN THE UNITED STATES - AND I ADD
HAPPILY - IN THE WORLD.
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14. YOU, HERE IN BERLIN, KNOW MUCH OF THE MEANING OF
FREEDOM AND OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OF THE CONSTANT STRUGGLE
NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THEM. STRUGGLE FOR NOBLE
PURPOSES - AND THERE IS NO STRUGGLE NOBLER THAN FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY - HAS
THROUGHOUT HISTORY BEEN A DEMANDING BUT REWARDING
UNDERTAKING. SUCH STRUGGLE HAS ENRICHED THE SENSE OF
PURPOSE AND THE SOCIAL CONSENSUS OF EVERY SOCIETY
DEDICATED TO THE STRUGGLE, AND BERLIN IS NO EXCEPTION.

15. WE KNOW THAT THE HISTORY OF STRUGGLE FOR THE SECURING AND
ENLARGEMENT OF HUMAN FREEDOM IS LONG, AND THE IMPORTANT BERLIN
CHAPTER IS NOT COMPLETE. BERLIN WHICH IS IN EVERY WAY A PART OF
OUR WESTERN COMMUNITY CANNOT - AND PROUDLY DOES NOT-WANT
TO AVOID THE SPECIAL ROLE, THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION AND THE
SPECIAL DEMANDS WHICH WILL BE MADE UPON IT.

16. THE PREFERENCES OF THE PEOPLE IN BERLIN AS TO
THE KIND OF FUTURE THEY WANT FOR THEIR CITY, WILL
CONTINUE TO BE FUNDAMENTAL IN FURTHER EFFORTS TO REDUCE
INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS. WE ACCEPT THAT BERLIN'S FUTURE
IS PART OF OUR FUTURE. THE LIFE OF THIS CITY, ITS
FREEDOM AND SECURITY IS A BASIC CONCERN OF WESTERN
POLICY. BERLIN WILL NOT BE ALONE.

17. MISTER GOVERNING MAYOR, I AM PROUD TO SIGN THE
GOLDEN BOOK AND TO ADD MY NAME TO A LONG LIST OF
DISTINGUISHED VISITORS. I WILL LEAVE BERLIN THE SAME
AS THEY, INSPIRED BY BERLIN'S SENSE OF PURPOSE AND

CONVINCED THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN THIS ENGAGEMENT IS
IN GOOD HANDS. END QUOTE.
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18. DRAFT TOAST FOR GOVERNING MAYOR'S DINNER;
BEGIN QUOTE: MR. GOVERNING MAYOR, THANK YOU FOR
YOUR KIND WORDS. THE PROVERBIAL HOSPITALITY OF BERLIN
HAS BEEN PROVEN ONCE AGAIN. NOW WE MUST WRITE A
NEW CHAPTER ON ITS ELOQUENCE.

19. WE FOLLOW WITH DEEP INTEREST BERLIN'S ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE THE VIABILITY OF THIS CITY IS A
BASIC CONCERN OF WESTERN POLICY. THE ECONOMIC WELL-
BEING OF BERLIN IS A TESTAMENT OF THE ABILITY OF FREE
MEN AND FREE INSTITUTIONS TO FLOURISH IN A CHALLENGING
ENVIRONMENT. BERLIN SHARES WITH MANY GREAT URBAN AREAS
OF THE WORLD A WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS. BERLIN ALSO HAS
PROBLEMS UNIQUELY ITS OWN. OUR DISCUSSIONS HAVE
ILLUMINATED SOME OF THEM.

20. WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT BENEATH THE WAVES THERE
IS ALWAYS A TIDE WHICH IN THE END IS FUNDAMENTAL. WHEN
A CITY IS AS ALIVE TO ITS PROBLEMS AND AS CONCERNED ABOUT
ITS FUTURE AS BERLIN IS, THE PROSPECTS ARE GOOD. ONE
WHO HAS EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND THE SENSE OF INVOLVEMENT
OF BERLIN'S BUSINESS AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP MUST
LEAVE CONVINCED THAT THIS IS A CITY WITH AN ENVIABLE
FUTURE BEFORE IT - A FUTURE AS A PROSPEROUS AND INTEGRAL
PART OF THE WESTERN COMMUNITY. END QUOTE. GEORGE

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